

This is a comment in regard to retaining CW Morse Code as a communications option that may be necessary in the area of National Security. The CW waveform is a very robust waveform and a very effective means of communications in a variety of harsh environments and under austere conditions.

One option is that CW should be retained for a minimum of 5 words per minute for (Amateur Extra) level operators and also as a communications skill option to augment all other communications modes in support of National Security interests. An example could be on the high seas with a low power HF transmitter / receiver of which CW could get through and is an international language. So therefore, for both land and maritime use in support of Homeland security objectives, this CW mode may be a necessary mode of communications in some instances.